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Kentucky Labor Cabinet to Hold Free OSHA Training in Louisville to Help Workers, Employers

Free courses Feb. 23-26 at Builders Exchange in Louisville

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 12, 2015) – The Kentucky Labor Cabinet will hold free training courses the last week of February at Builders Exchange of Kentucky, 2300 Meadow Drive, in Louisville. The training includes various topics that will benefit nearly all types of workers and employers in Kentucky.

Participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of courses, including an overview of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program (OSH), welding safety requirements, hazard communication/GHS, injury and illness recordkeeping, basic electrical safety, fall protection and health hazards in construction.

“The information in the safety world is always valuable to any employee and employer,” said Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts. “This is a chance to take advantage of an opportunity we make available at no cost, and what happens as a result is we see a safer Kentucky. We all benefit from safe companies in the Commonwealth, from fewer costs associated with accidents, lower insurance premiums and more productive workplaces.”

The courses include group-based and hands-on learning activities, and will feature presentations from the highly-trained staff of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

To register online, visit click [here](#).

The following is a schedule of the training courses:

Monday, Feb. 23

Overview of the Kentucky OSH Program: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Topics of discussion include the operations of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program, including enforcement and voluntary compliance services, and safety and health topics currently considered for future standards and policies.

Welding: 1 - 4 p.m.

This session includes the various types of welding processes such as oxy-acetylene, TIG, MIG, and open arc, personal protective equipment, safety and health hazard recognition and control, and Kentucky occupational safety and health requirements.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Injury and Illness Recordkeeping: 8 a.m. - noon

This session is for those persons responsible for maintaining the revised injury and illness records. The forms 300, 301 and 300A will be covered. The regulations and guidelines for recordkeeping will be discussed, as well as the compliance directive the Kentucky OSH compliance officer will use to evaluate employers' records. A recordkeeping example workshop will be part of the course, time permitting.

Note: Participants will receive an OSHA Training Institute certificate for this class from Eastern Kentucky University's OSHA Training Institute Education Center.

Construction Safety: 1 - 4 p.m.

This session deals with a variety of common safety issues on the construction worksite. It will address portable tools, scissor lifts, portable ladders and basic issues applicable to frame scaffolds.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Hazard Communication/Global Harmonization: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

This session covers the basic legal requirements and the revised provision of the standard as they relate to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). Attendees will learn about chemical hazard classification, written program requirements, container labeling and other forms of warning, safety data sheets and associated deadlines.

Basic Electrical Safety 1- 4 p.m.

This session covers the basic requirements surrounding the approval, installation, and use of electrical equipment and devices. The course is built around OSHA standards found in 1910.303 to .305, and includes a discussion of OSHA and industry standards as they relate to the installation of electrical equipment, commonly cited approval and installation violations, an overview of the equipment approval process, cord-marking requirements and basic hazards of commonly-made electrical wiring.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Fall Protection (Construction) 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

This session covers the elements of 1926.500-503 and associated industry standards. Topics include the requirements to provide a fall protection system, the description and requirements for each fall protection system and training requirements. Attendees should leave with a basic understanding of KYOSH's requirements for working at heights on commercial construction sites.

Note: This course does not cover fall protection requirements for residential construction sites.

Health Hazards in Construction 1 - 4 p.m.

This course provides basic information to identify potential health hazards in construction, including include how to anticipate, recognize, evaluate, and control health hazards in the workplace such as various types of chemical exposures and noise exposure. While this course will not teach the attendee how to practice industrial hygiene, it will provide information as to the role of the industrial hygienist in the workplace and assist in determining when it may be necessary to utilize the services of an industrial hygienist.

About the free training courses

Each year the Labor Cabinet presents a series of cost-free courses at major population centers throughout Kentucky. These courses are for both employers and employees, and are typically given over a one-week period in each population center. The courses are designed to outline the requirements contained in the various subparts of the general industry and construction standards, covering both safety and health issues.

The tentative locations and months for 2015 include Lexington in April, Kentucky Dam Village in July, Blue Lick State Park in August, and Louisville in October.

The classes will be available for viewing and online registration approximately four weeks prior to each session. The complete schedule will be available on the Labor Cabinet's website, www.labor.ky.gov.

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